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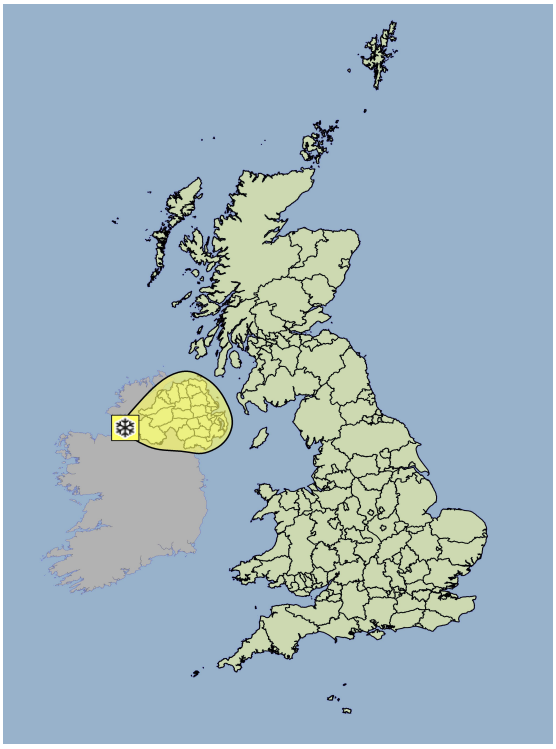

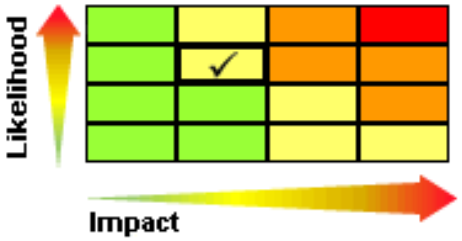

Chief Forecasters Assessment
A deepening depression is expected to affect the British Isles from Friday afternoon onwards through Saturday. There remains greater than average uncertainty regarding the track of this depression, but the most likely scenario is for this depression to track eastwards across Britain rather than just north of Britain. For Northern Ireland the main hazard associated with this depression is initially expected to be snow, especially over ground above 200 to 300 metres. However, wind is expected to increase quite markedly during Friday evening and night leading to gales or severe gales in some coastal areas for a time.

The Met Office have issued a **Yellow Alert** of **Snow**

Valid from **11:00 on Fri, 26th Dec 2014** until **21:00 on Fri, 26th Dec 2014**

Wet weather is expected to start affecting western parts of Northern Ireland later on Friday morning before quickly spreading eastwards. This wet weather is expected to start off as snow, particularly over higher ground, before soon turning to rain. This means that any snow at lower levels is likely to be transient in nature before soon turning to rain.

The public should be aware of the potential for disruption. Please watch for updates to this warning over the coming days, especially those who have travel plans.

For more details please go to:
http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/public/weather/warnings

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  - County Down
  - County Fermanagh
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